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In re the Application of:

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For: WORD RECOGNIZING APPARATUS FOR DYNAMICALLY GENERATING FEATURE  
AMOUNT OF WORD AND METHOD THEREOF

AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed June 5, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on September 5, 2002.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please REPLACE claims 1 and 9-13 and ADD new claim 14 in accordance with the following:

1. (AS FOUR TIMES AMENDED) A word recognizing apparatus, comprising:
- a listing unit storing a list of at least one candidate word;
  - a dictionary unit storing feature amounts of a plurality of characters;
  - an extracting unit extracting a feature amount from a recognition target by a process in which the recognition target is not required to be divided in units of characters even if the recognition target comprises a plurality of characters;
  - a generating unit referring to the list of at least one candidate word stored in said listing unit, and dynamically generating a feature amount of only a candidate word registered in the list

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